



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Joint Resolution No. 35

House of Representatives, April 10, 2002

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
CLAIMS COMMISSIONER WITH REGARD TO THE CLAIMS OF
CHRISTOPHER N. BURGESS AND RICHARD PIOTROWSKI.**

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 That the recommendation of the Claims Commissioner, file
- 2 numbers 15853 and 15854 of said commissioner, that no award be
- 3 granted to Christopher N. Burgess and Richard Piotrowski on their
- 4 claims against the state in excess of seven thousand five hundred
- 5 dollars and that permission to sue be denied, is accepted.

JUD *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	Future
GF - Cost Avoidance	Adjudicated Claims	Potential Significant
GF - Cost Avoidance	Environmental Protection, Dept.	Potential Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The resolution denies a grant award in excess of \$7,500 and permission to sue for Christopher Burgess and Richard Piotrowski to recover damages for personal injuries allegedly suffered as a result of negligence by the Department of Environmental Protection. The resolution thereby results in a potential significant cost avoidance for the state to pay for any potential judgment rendered against it, and a potential minimal cost avoidance for litigation.¹

¹ The Attorney General (AG) may assign a third party to represent state entities on his behalf. If permission to sue had been granted, the AG could have required the Department of Environmental Protection to hire outside legal counsel at a cost of \$25,000 - \$50,000.

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze resolutions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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